

DIARY NOTES

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1. [REDACTED] was in to discuss some Commercial Staff business and I approved of his establishing the new European Office [REDACTED] 25X1A6a

2. Jim Garrison and I conferred with Mr. Wallace, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, and several members of his staff with regard to our space requirements after we move into the new building. Although we had written to the Commissioner last August and Region 3 has been aware of this problem for some time, it was obvious that the situation facing us and PBS had not been registered with the Commissioner and his senior people. I emphasized our desire to get into permanent buildings, if possible, and discontinue the use of all temporary buildings we now occupied. While they recognized this as desirable they did not know, at this time, of any way that this could be done. They are most anxious, however, to get rid of all the temporary buildings as soon as possible and agreed with us that it would be highly desirable not to have any of the buildings in West Potomac Park or the I, J, K and L Buildings complex occupied after our move. They undertook to work out several alternatives and to discuss the matter with us again before too long. Mr. Wallace confided in me that just yesterday the Administration had made a decision to go ahead with the construction of a second Pentagon about which we read some publicity not too long ago. If we do not get our auxiliary building he thought that it might be possible for us to occupy some of the space now used by the Department of Defense, possibly in the Munitions or Navy Buildings. In connection with our auxiliary building they spoke of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 with which I was not familiar and said that if we had money they could go ahead with A&E for the auxiliary building without any further approval. (I have asked Larry Houston to look into this Act and to brief me on it. However, the language in enabling legislation would preclude our going ahead without touching base with the Congress, I believe.) While no definite decisions were reached at the meeting, I think that it was most worthwhile in that we have brought the matter rather forcefully to the Commissioner's personal attention and have received assurance from him that he will present us with some kind of plan in the near future.

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